

ESPAGNE – Université de Murcia

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I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

[Help : How was your experience abroad? If you could go back in time, would you go to this university and why ?]

In general, I really enjoyed my semester abroad. The city of Murcia is truly amazing, with a warm atmosphere, plenty of sunshine, and a very lively student life. There are always lots of things to do, whether it is exploring the historic city center, going out with friends, discovering new cafés and restaurants, or simply enjoying the parks and public spaces.

Nevertheless, at the university, quite a lot of work had to be done throughout the semester. This is not a problem in itself, but it is something you definitely need to be aware of before coming. The workload can sometimes be intense, especially during certain periods, so good organization and time management are important to succeed while still enjoying the experience abroad.

Overall, I feel that this exchange experience was very rewarding, both academically and personally. I had the chance to meet many international students, improve my language skills, and become more independent. If I had to go back in time, I would definitely choose to come back to Murcia, because it is truly a great city to study in and an unforgettable place to live for a few months.

GRADE : 5

=> 0 (I do not recommend this semester abroad to my best friend) – 5 (I totally recommend this semester to my best friend)

II. Before the travel

A. Preparation

1. Visa

[Help : Do I need a visa ? If yes, what is the process ?]

NO

2. The flight

[Help : what flight did you take (the company name, airport etc.) and when did you take your flight ticket]

The best things to do is taking a flight from Marsella to Alicante and then a bus from Alicante to Murcia.

3. My luggage

[Help : what to not forget in the luggage (what was useful and what you would like to have taken)]

- Reusable water bottle
- Laundry bag
- Notebook for quick admin stuff

- A professional outfit (for interviews, presentations...)
- Calculator!!

4. Bank account

[Help : did you have to change bank? To respect some amount requirement on the bank account etc.]

NO

5. Insurance

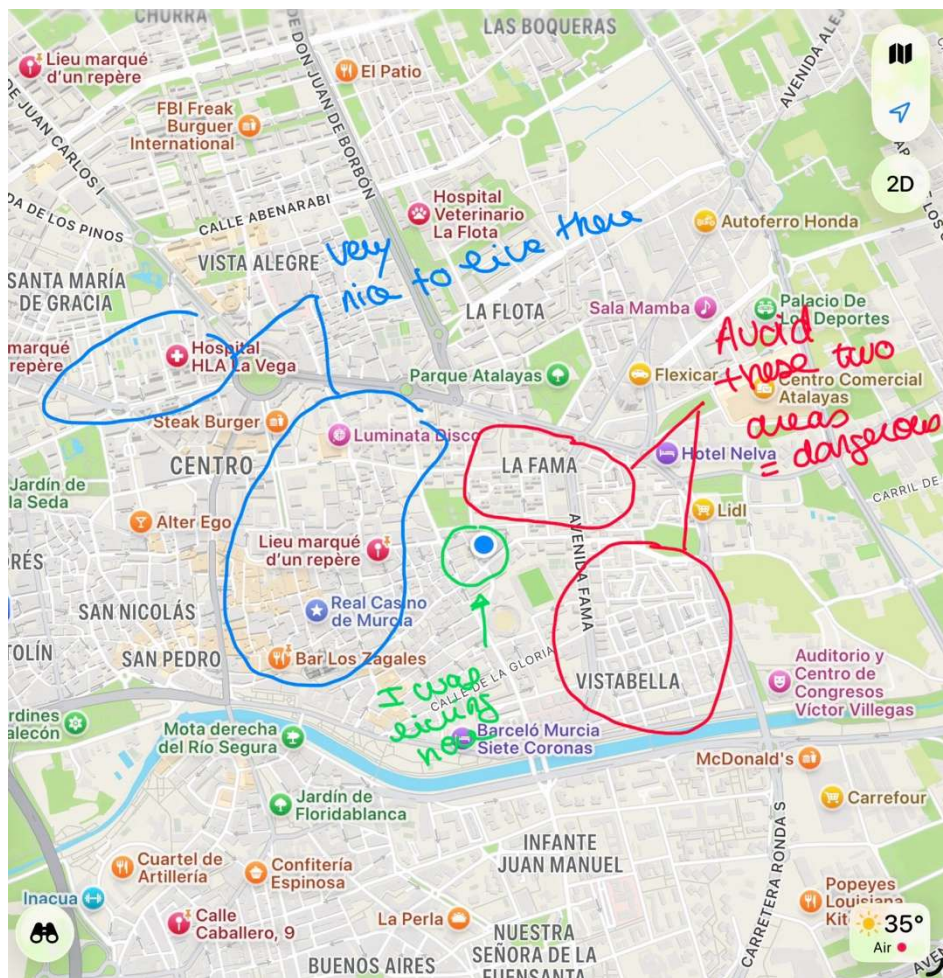
[Help : What insurance did you subscribe to?]

Same as in France

B. Housing

1. Where to live

[Help : Do a google maps capture and circle the area you recommend to live in (and the one you do not recommend)]



2. Find a flat or a room

[Help : How did you find your flat? Do you have any recommendation]

On Idealista, but be cautious as there are also some fraudulent listings. It's advisable to use an agency.

My main recommendation would be to reside in the city center for easy access to everything and convenient tram access to the university. A place near Plaza Circular would be an excellent choice.

3. Cost

[Help : How much should I plan for a room or a flat?]

Between 250-400€ depending on which flat.

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university

[Help : How was the process, what did you have to do?]

You must attend a meeting where they provide all the necessary information, including testing the classes and validating them once you're confident in taking it. The validation process is done on the main website, and once approved, the tutor will grant you access to the virtual aula (where all the class content is published= same as Moodle). All the details are explained during the meeting.

B. Information on the university

1. Class

[Help : for each class tell us how was the class, what did you like and not like, would you recommend it for the next student?]

Operation Management: This challenging class is made engaging by the amazing professor. It involves a lot of calculus, and the exam consists of theory and exercises (a blend of finance, mathematics, and accounting). I recommend it because I surprisingly enjoyed it.

Financial System: I found this class to be quite difficult. During the semester, you're required to give a 40-minute oral presentation, take a midterm exam, complete other graded activities, and finally, take a final exam. The material was challenging to understand, and for the final exam, you had to study 6 units (each unit consisting of 30 pages of PDF to memorize). To be honest, I wouldn't recommend this class because there is a lot of work.

Business English: I thoroughly enjoyed this class. Although the professor speaks Spanish, we engage in numerous exercises in English. While it was occasionally challenging to switch between English and Spanish, I genuinely relished the experience. The class was also incredibly engaging. We had weekly oral presentations, exercises to complete at home, and the final exam consisted of a reading comprehension, listening comprehension, and questions related to the various units we studied. I highly recommend this class.

Marketing Class: I didn't enjoy either the subject matter or how it was taught. We had weekly presentations and a final presentation on a marketing campaign. We also had a final exam that was difficult even if we studied hard. The exam was divided into two parts, and we needed to pass both parts separately. If we didn't pass the minimum grade in one part, the other part was not counted. Continuous assessment was only added if we passed the exam. They were very strict, and almost no one passed the class. I don't recommend it.

Introduction to Marketing: I enjoyed this class. Despite the professors' rapid Spanish speaking with a strong accent, the class remained engaging and well-structured. We had a midterm and a final exam, which consisted of theory questions and case study questions. Additionally, we participated in weekly case study activities that were graded. Both teachers were highly knowledgeable and supportive. I highly recommend this class.

2. Organization of the Class

[Help : tell us the duration of the class, the volum of work, the behavior of teachers etc. ?]

For each class, you have two hours of theoretical lectures and one and a half hours of activities. In general, this university requires a lot of work. The teachers are quite good, but they don't seem to consider that you're an Erasmus student and don't speak the language. They're also quite strict when it comes to grading.

3. List of courses and recommendation

[Help : list your different courses and let us know what do you think : level (easier, same or harder than the 1st semester course at MOMA, what you liked about the content, how is the class organization, who is the professor). Finally, for each class, tell us if you recommend the course.]

Operation Management - Harder than typical courses at MOMA, but very interesting. Well taught and engaging. Recommended.

Financial System - Harder than MOMA level with a heavy workload and difficult content. Not recommended.

Business English - Similar or slightly easier than MOMA courses, very practical and interactive. Highly recommended.

Marketing Class - Harder and very strict grading system, high failure rate. Not recommended.

Introduction to Marketing - Similar level to MOMA, well structured and interesting. Recommended.

4. Exam

[Help : How was the exam? Format? Duration? Grade]

A lot to study, for each there is a final exam with most of the time there are two parts where you must pass each part individually. If you fail one part, the grade from the other part does

not count. Continuous assessment is only included if you get a passing grade. In general, the exams last 2h. And as mentioned before the grading is more strict than in France.

IV. When I live there

A. Safety

[Help : Is it safe? Is there areas or times I should avoid]

Murcia is generally safe for students. There are no really dangerous areas, but I would be more careful at night in neighborhoods like La Paz, Los Rosales, or around some isolated areas near the station. As in any city, avoid walking alone very late at night in quiet areas.

B. Phone and Internet

[Help : How to be able to call and have internet]

I have an international forfait. It is the more useful.

C. Events

[Help : How to know about the events?]

- Join the WhatsApp group with all the Erasmus students from Murcia.
- Follow the ESN Instagram account for updates and information.
- Keep an eye on your email for any announcements or events organized by the faculty.
- Participate in the buddy program; it's crucial to have someone to assist you upon your arrival.

D. Sports

[Help : What sport can I do ? and how?]

At the beginning of the semester, there's a list of sports provided where you can register and go. For example, you can choose from football, basketball, paddle, and volleyball. But I don't have a lot of information to give about that because I didn't do it.

E. Eating

[Help : Any recommendation? Or good tips (e.g. an international house buffet)]

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-Restaurant: Los Zagales — a very local place, good to try traditional food and get an authentic experience.

-Try tapas bars in the city center — they're cheap, social, and a great way to eat like locals while meeting people.

-Check out food delivery apps or small local cafés — good for quick meals and discovering new cheap spots around the city.

-Restaurants in front of the cathedral : have Spanish breakfast (toast with tomato and ham)

F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

[Help : How did you get access to the bus, car or bike]

You can get a transportation card at the beginning of the semester. You have to recharge it every month (12€) to use it. It's for the tram that I used to take from Plaza Circular.

G. Travels

[Help : What do you recommend and what do you not recommend]

Going to Alicante by bus, flying to Seville (very cheap and amazing), taking a plane to Morocco (very cheap), or even renting a car to visit Malaga, Córdoba, and the southern part of Spain in general—it's all beautiful.

Nevertheless, Cartagena, in my opinion, is an overrated city. It's dirty and there is nothing special to see or do. I also advise against visiting Agilas for the Agilas Carnival. The carnival poses a significant safety risk, and the circus itself is not particularly entertaining.

H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

[Help : What would I liked to know if I could have gone back in time]

It is important to be aware that the Faculty of Economics and Business is a rigorous academic institution that demands extensive study to successfully pass exams. In light of this, it may be prudent to consider other cures, such as pursuing courses in the Faculty of Communication or the Faculty of International Relations.

V. After your semester abroad

A. What are you planning do to?

Next year, I plan to pursue my studies in the field of tourism, with the ultimate career goal of working in international events management. I have been provisionally accepted into the Master's program "Management durable des territoires et des produits touristiques" at Université Lumière - Lyon 2, so I will be studying there for the time being.

However, my top choice is the Master "Tourisme" at Université Côte d'Azur in Nice. I am currently on the waiting list for the Nice program (at position 42) and am deeply hoping to get a spot there because they have a specialization in the semester 2 in event and also during the second year of master.

B. Did you apply for master?

- Master "Management durable des territoires et des produits touristiques" (*Université Lumière - Lyon 2*)

- Master "Management de la Transition Ecologique et de l'Economie Circulaire" (*Montpellier Management - MOMA*)
- Master "Management des Organisations et Développement Responsable (MODR)" (*Montpellier Management - MOMA*)
- Master "Management du tourisme durable" (*Université de Toulon*)
- Master "Management du tourisme durable" (*Université Savoie Mont Blanc - Haute-Savoie*)
- Master "International business and tourism management" (*Université Savoie Mont Blanc - Haute-Savoie*)
- Master "Tourisme" (*Nîmes Université*)
- Master "Tourisme" (*Université de Perpignan Via Domitia*)
- Master "Management et Ingénierie du Tourisme (MIT)" (*Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès*)

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