

[ITALIE] – [Università degli Studi di Firenze]

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I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

The experience of making a semester abroad was very enriching, and allowed me to gain much more autonomy and to learn to count on myself mainly regarding the domestic daily life. As for the university, the campus was very similar to what I am used to in France, but the way the courses are built as well as the grading system where some aspects making the difference between the French and the Italian aspect. Overall I could say that the academic aspect of this experience was the best thing about it, because I had the opportunity to really learn new things through the subjects I chose and to experience a different way of teaching. As for the social point of view, I would say that the Erasmus was a great occasion through which I could meet many people, from different nationalities and having very diversified backgrounds.

Overall, I really appreciated this experience, it allowed me to develop myself from both the professional, the social and the personal point of view.

GRADE : 4: I would recommend this semester to a close friend

II. Before the travel

A. Preparation

1. Visa

I didn't need any Visa, because Italy is part of the Schengen space therefore, there was no need for such a document. Moreover, I also have the Italian citizenship and passport, which allowed me to have a smooth move to the country.

2. The flight

I was driven by car, by my father. Therefore, I did not need any flight ticket. The whole travel was made by car.

3. My luggage

Regarding my luggage I took my clothes and all the personal items that I use on the daily basis. I also took sheets and quilt, because they were not provided in the student residence in which I was staying. On the other side I also took cooking utensils, because within the residence each floor has a common kitchen, therefore, the latter is not provided with all the necessary utensils for cooking. Besides those things, I also took my pencil case and an empty binder for the hand-made notes. On the other hand I also brought my personal computer, because it was the most important tool for my schooling there.

4. Bank account

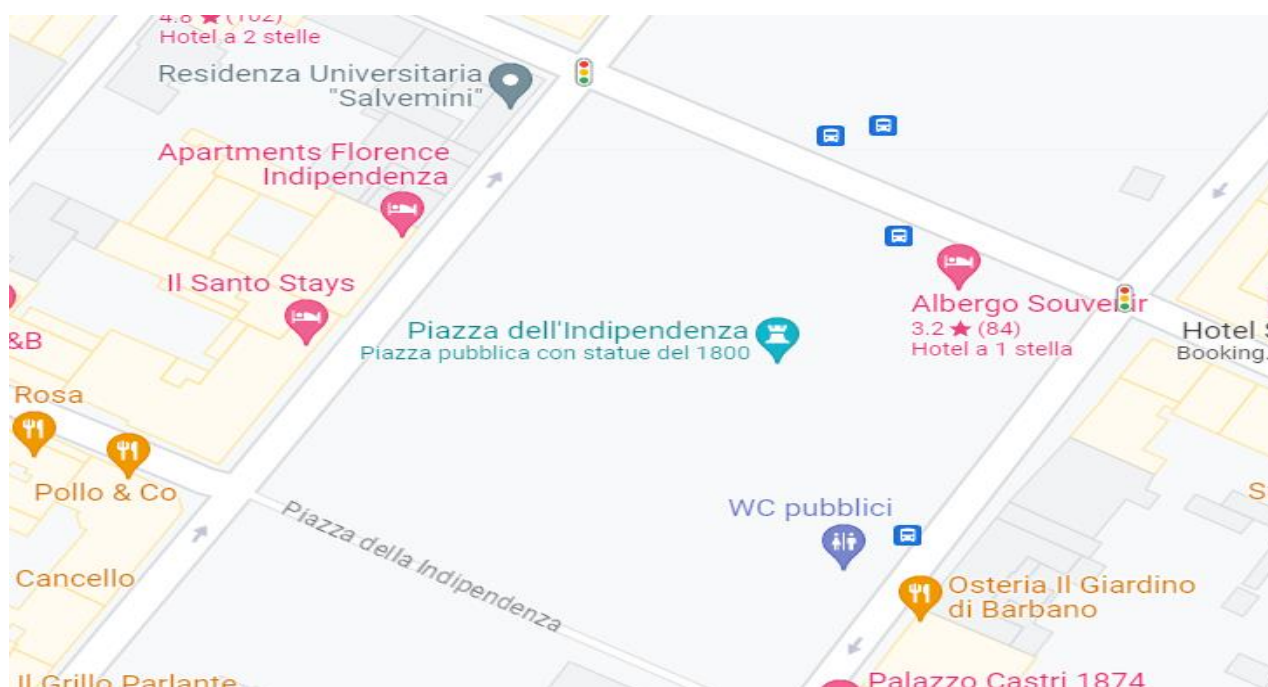
There was no particular need to open a bank account in Italy, I was completely allowed to use my French credit card, and I also thought about withdrawing some cash in France before leaving, to avoid any inconvenience or unexpected event.

5. Insurance

I kept the civil insurance that I already had in France.

B. Housing

1. Where to live



Piazza dell'Indipendenza and Fortezza are the areas in which I was staying, and I highly recommend future Erasmus students to find a place over there, because it is a strategic point in Florence, close to the city center, to the main station and public transportation.

2. Find a flat or a room

I was staying in the DSU Salvemini residence. It is a student residence, in the core of Piazza dell'Indipendenza, offering single and double rooms, distributed on 4 floors. I found the residence by making some research on student residences in Florence, which are several and well distributed in the city. Once I identified the one corresponding to my criteria I took contact by email with the person responsible for the allocation of the rooms in the different residences.

3. Cost

For a student residence room, I paid 297€ all fees included.

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university

The process was quite long. I first had to make my check-in by sending the proofs of arrival to Florence to the RI department of the Italian university, then they sent me my credentials to access the moodle, that I could also use for activating my wi-fi. After this first step, I also had to make my definitive learning agreement. In my case, since I was not convinced with two of the subjects I chose, before going to Italy, I had to attend many classes, in order to replace the two I was willing to change. I managed to accomplish this task on about two weeks. Once the definitive set of subjects was chosen, I sent the LI to the RI department of University of Florence and once they validated it I sent it to MOMA's RI. Then, I had to fill the online learning agreement representing the very definitive version of the subjects chosen during the Erasmus.

B. Information on the university

1. Class

- **Economia e gestione delle imprese:**
 - I liked: the clarity and the availability of the professors
 - I didn't like: the length of the course, there were a little too much content
- **Environment and development:**
 - I liked: the very interesting and innovative content of the class and the format of the final exam
- **Fundamentals of sustainable entrepreneurship and business ethics:**
 - I liked: the diversity of the topics treated in class
 - I didn't like: there were too much assignments
- **Topics in Human Resources:**
 - I liked: the completeness of the content and the practical activity at the end of each chapter
 - I didn't like: the teacher's way of explaining

Overall, I liked the fairness in the grading system.

2. Organization of the Class

- **Economia e gestione delle imprese:** the class was in Italian. It dealt with the fundamentals of management and was a very complete but tense one. We had the opportunity to have some intermediary quizzes before the final exam in order to get trained and get some extra bonus on the final grade
- **Environment and development:** it was a class about the relationship between our economic activities and the impact that they have on the environment and our planet from a general point of view. On the other hand, the classes were concise and based only on the slides and a few notes provided by the professor
- **Fundamentals of sustainable entrepreneurship and business ethics:** the class was based on the sustainable management and how to build an economic activity by keeping a regard on the environment, the society and the ethics from a general point of view. The class was built around the slides and the explanations of the two professors. There were 4 main assignments, quizzes, class participation, group project and final exam.

- Topics in Human Resources: a class treating the different aspects of human resources, based on the explanations and the slides provided by the teacher. Once each chapter was finished, we used to have some illustrative practical activities.

3. List of courses and recommendation

- Economia e gestione delle imprese: harder (two professors, very clear in their explanations)
- Environment and development: same
- Fundamentals of sustainable entrepreneurship and business ethics: harder (two professors)
- Topics in Human Resources: harder (the explanations of the teacher were a little too much long)

I would recommend all those courses.

As for what I liked and disliked, everything is indicated on the previous points.

4. Exam

- *Economia e gestione delle imprese: 1 hour, online but in class (on the university computers), 30 MCQ and 2 open questions. My grade: 26/30*
- *Environment and development: 30 minutes, in class, 30 MCQ. My grade: 30 e lode/30*
- *Fundamentals of sustainable entrepreneurship and business ethics: 1 hour and 10 min, online but in class (= on the university computers), 24 MCQ and 2 open questions. My grade: 27/30*
- *Topics in Human Resources: 50 minutes, in class 16 MCQ, 3 open questions. My grade: 26/30*

IV. When I life there

A. Safety

Very safe. No particular areas to avoid. However, you could occasionally meet some peak pockets, in the tramway.

B. Phone and Internet

Provided with the wifi within the residence and within the university

C. Events

Erasmus Network (whatsapp groups, emailing, Instagram accounts)

D. Sports

I did not take any information about this topic

E. Eating

Cheap meals available in the canteen.

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

I used to go on the tramway. I paid 35€/month. But toward the end of the Erasmus I discovered the opportunity to have access to a 60-euro bonus, allowing me to not pay any monthly fees for the two last months.

G. Travels

I only travelled to Rome, but the Erasmus network used to organize many trips outside Florence on weekends.

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

Nothing in particular

V. After your semester abroad

A. What are you planning do to?

I am starting my semester degree, at MBS, with an apprenticeship.

B. Did you apply for master?

I was accepted in many Business Schools' PGEs around France (Kedge BS, NEOMA BS, MBS, Rennes School of Business, Strasbourg BS) and in the International Business Masters in many Business schools in Montpellier and outside.
In the end I chose MBS's PGE en alternance.

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