

[IRELAND] – [University of Limerick]

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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?]

The Erasmus experience is awesome and worth doing, especially since MoMa provides the opportunity to do it without paying any fees there. The campus was great and huge. The weather was pretty bad, as one might expect, but I was able to improve my English as I wanted. If I could go back in time, I would definitely choose to go on Erasmus again; however, I'm not sure if I would choose the same destination. I loved many things, but at the same time, I was annoyed by others, as you will see in this feedback report.

GRADE: 3,5/5

=> 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, Ireland is part of the UE. I want there with my ID only.

2. The flight

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

I took a flight with Ryanair from Paris Beauvais to Dublin on the way there because I was in Paris. On the way back, I took a flight with Ryanair to Stockholm because I took some vacations before returning to France.

Once you arrive there, make sure to get your ESN card, which is a discount card you can obtain while participating in an Erasmus program. It will entitle you to a 10% discount on Ryanair flights and also include a 20kg free luggage allowance.

3. My luggage

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

Personally, I packed the equivalent of 10 days' worth of clothes, which proved to be sufficient since there was laundry available in each village. The cost for using the washing machine was 3€ per load, and the dryer also cost 3€ per use. Additionally, don't forget to bring a rain jacket and some warm clothes for the winter. Although the temperature rarely drops below 0°C, the wind can make it feel cold. I recommend taking a large jacket that you can tie around your waist during the flight to save space in your suitcase.

4. Bank account

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

I see, in that case, I had an account with the German bank N26, which allowed me to make payments without incurring any fees. I didn't need to withdraw cash since I prefer using my card for payments. Additionally, if you're in Ireland, which is part of the Euro Zone, you shouldn't encounter any fees when making transactions.

5. Insurance

[Help: What insurance did you subscribe to?]

I have not subscribed to any particular insurance; I have just asked for my CEAM card (Carte Européenne d'Assurance Maladie) online which was free.

B. Housing

1. Where to live

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

I highly recommend living in one of the on-campus villages. I personally resided in Kilmurry village, which was the second cheapest option. I lived in one of the small houses with five roommates from Germany, the United States, and Ireland. Our accommodation featured two bathrooms, a shared kitchen, and a living room. The monthly rent was approximately 750€ for four months, totaling 3,000€. Additionally, a deposit of 500€ was required, which is refunded at the end of your stay.

2. Find a flat or a room.

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

The room was excellent, equipped with everything I needed. Having a tap in the room was especially convenient, allowing me to prepare in the morning without having to use the bathroom. The overall flat was also quite nice. While the rent for a six-person house was relatively expensive, it's important to consider that rental prices are generally high throughout Ireland. After comparing my village (Kilmurry) to my friends' villages, I believe it offers the best value for the price. We had two-level houses instead of flats, a great location, and the two bathrooms were sufficient for our group of six people.

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

From 600€/month to 1000€/month if you want to live on one of the villages on-campus.

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university

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

The whole process is guided through emails that you receive from the university of Limerick. They are really informative and reactive, so it was not difficult.

B. Information on the university

1. Class

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

First of all, you need to know that whatever you put in your Learning Agreement, you usually have the first week of classes to change your mind and modify it.

During my semester, I have followed these courses:

- **PM4128 Psychology of Career Success:** the course with the most workload but actually really interesting to build up your career plan. I found it especially useful during my interviews for my master's degree because it gives you tips to better sell yourself.
- **BR4031 Broadening by understand and confronting Crisis and Risk:** Really easy to follow during the semester but pretty big final assignment.
- **PM4022 Organizational Behavior:** Interesting because it teaches you things you didn't already see in MoMa and pretty easy final assignment.
- **EP4003 Entrepreneurship and innovation:** Pretty interesting with lot of guests during the classes that are often CEO or executives of their company.
- **MK4038 Marketing Relationships and networks:** Probably my favorite class, the professor is funny and knows how to get student's attention. The groups assignments were not difficult.

2. Organization of the Class

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

- **PM4128 Psychology of Career Success:** 2h lecture per week
- **BR4031 Broadening by understand and confronting Crisis and Risk:** 2h lecture per week and 3 tutorials of 1h during the semester.
- **PM4022 Organizational Behavior:** 2h lecture per week
- **EP4003 Entrepreneurship and innovation:** 2h lecture per week and 3 tutorials of 1h during the semester
- **MK4038 Marketing Relationships and networks:** 2h lecture per week

3. List of courses and recommendation

[Help: list your different courses and let us know what 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.]

- **PM4128 Psychology of Career Success:** Lot of work but pretty easy overall, just time-consuming
- **BR4031 Broadening by understand and confronting Crisis and Risk:** Big final workload, would be great to spread it on the last month at least.
- **PM4022 Organizational Behavior:** require great memory skills for the final exam.
- **EP4003 Entrepreneurship and innovation:** Pretty fun assignment, requires inventing an innovation on a selected theme.
- **MK4038 Marketing Relationships and networks:** easy group assignments and presentations

4. Exam

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

- **PM4128 Psychology of Career Success:** Mini assignments as homework every week and a final report including a professional autobiography
 - o Biggest workload but interesting to do, no final exam.
- **BR4031 Broadening by understand and confronting Crisis and Risk:** Big final assignment: a PowerPoint presentation of 40 slides on how to deal with risks for a cruise line company.
 - o Start before the last week is a good idea, no final exam.
- **PM4022 Organizational Behavior:** Online quiz to complete every week and a final MCQ worth 90% of the grade.
 - o The quiz is really about memorizing the concepts of the course.
- **EP4003 Entrepreneurship and innovation:** Group assignment including a short report on an innovation and a 1min video presenting it.
 - o Not difficult if the tasks are well spread, no final exam.
- **MK4038 Marketing Relationships and networks:** Group presentation of the marketing strategy of Guinness launch of their alcohol-free beer
 - o Pretty easy assignment with no final exam

IV. When I live there

A. Safety

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

The campus is really secure with security agents everywhere at all times.

B. Phone and Internet

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

My French phone plan allowed me to have unlimited calls and messages with 25Go of Internet abroad. It was enough for me as we have free good Wi-Fi everywhere on campus.

C. Events

[Help: How to know about the events?]

To be aware of the different events you should follow University related Instagram accounts like the one of The Stables (main pub on campus), the one of the student life... You will also receive information about events through your email address.

D. Sports

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

There are a lot of sport clubs for pretty much every sports. I personally joined the Outdoor Pursuit Club (Climbing and Hiking), the Basketball Club and the Surf Club.

E. Eating

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

Usually, people living on campus come back to their house to eat. There are some restaurants on campus but nothing like a cheap university restaurant like the Crous for example.

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

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

Living on-campus allows you to be 10-15min walking to the courses building.

G. Travels

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

I recommend taking advantage of the bus tours offered by the university during the first weeks, as they provide a convenient way to visit the main cities and attractions in Ireland. However, it's worth noting that these tours can be quite expensive, usually priced at 37€. In many cases, you can visit these places for a lower cost if you plan and organize the trips on your own. It's a good idea to weigh the convenience versus the cost and decide based on your budget and preferences.

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]

The weather in Ireland is generally known for being quite bad, as one would expect. While it didn't rain excessively, the sky often remained grey for extended periods of time. Initially, it didn't bother me much, but after three months, I found myself longing for the weather of Montpellier.

One of the reasons I chose Ireland was because it is an English-speaking country, and I wanted to improve my fluency. However, I realized that regardless of the destination for your exchange semester, you will have ample opportunities to work on your language skills. Interestingly, most of the people I interacted with during my trip were not Irish but rather other international students, including Americans, Germans, and various Europeans.

The campus, events, and clubs were exceptional and provided entertainment throughout the entire semester. The campus itself is quite vast, accommodating not only business students like us but also engineers, medical students, and others in the same location.

V. After your semester abroad

A. What are you planning to do?

[Help: What do you want to do next year]

I have done a 10-week internship in Paris the summer after my exchange.

B. Did you apply for master?

[Help: in which master where you accepted]

I have been accepted to a master in management "Programme Grande École" at the EDHEC business school for the 2023 intake.