

POLOGNE – Jagiellonian University

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I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

Krakow was an amazing experience, I can say it is a very underrated city, Poland is an amazing country, very cheap compared to many other European countries but very much developed. A lot of advantages as a student. But the language barrier was the only thing that made it a little complicated, I expected almost all polish residents to speak good English but most of them barely spoke or sometimes not at all.

I would definitely go back to this university if I could go back in time since it is one of the biggest universities in Poland and I had an amazing experience learning there.

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

GRADE : 4.5

=> 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

I did not need a visa since I am allowed to stay for a maximum amount of 3 months if I do not leave the country, but since I knew I was going to do a lot of traveling the visa application was not necessary because every time you leave the country, the 3 months of maximum stay resets.

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

2. The flight

I travelled to Krakow using Ryanair from Toulouse, Marseille was also an option but it depends on the price of course. I was a bit late to get the tickets because I was renewing my passports and wanted to make sure all my documents were fine before booking, and finally booked 1-2 weeks from departure and I arrived 2 days before my classes start.

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

3. My luggage

Regarding the luggage I recommend to not over pack I got more stuff than I needed, especially for winter clothes which I used for just one month before it got hot. Depending on when the semester starts its better to get less stuff so its easier when you leave if you are going to get stuff from the receiving country. One puffer jacket was enough and mostly useful for me.

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

4. Bank account

I used revolut for the exchange of currency because it works at a very minimum exchange rate which was very beneficial to me.

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

5. Insurance

I got the European health insurance card from my Ameli account.

[Help : What insurance did you subscribe to ?]

B. Housing

1. Where to live

I recommend the Milestone student dorm because it has a lot of advantages all included, and most of the residents are Erasmus students so it is much easier to blend in with everyone from the start. And it has a really good location with a tram stop 5min away and near the center. I wouldn't recommend the university dorms personally because I found it complicated since you live in the same room with someone you don't know with beds opposite to each other and he could not be an Erasmus, share the same bathroom, a common kitchen in the hallway and washing machine with no driers. I personally didn't like it but it could be good because of the low price at 100 euros per month.

B. Information on the university

1. Class

Organizational change: was an interesting class which talked about different approaches to management of change and the different types of organizational culture in companies. What I didn't like was that it was very early (8am) but I really liked the content of the course. I would recommend it for another student.

Semiotics of advertising: really nice class the teacher has a nice way of explaining. Wasn't a very hard course, it is a way of understanding advertisements through signs, so we look deep in the thinking of how these ads were created. I really liked the course because in the exam we had to choose an ad and explain how they used signs to attract customers and it made me understand a lot on how marketing teams worked. Nothing to dislike in this course would recommend to another student.

Cross cultural communication in Management: I really liked this class from the teacher which comes from the United States with a really good English. The class was about how companies are able to succeed after opening branches abroad and different strategies to follow. Very nice course the teacher made sure we were always keeping up with the course which was helpful for the exam. What I disliked was that we had homework and tests almost every 2 weeks. But the course ended earlier than others, I would recommend it to another student.

Human resource management: Not my favorite course, I had to choose it because it was the best among others, but it is basic human resource studies which we had already seen at MOMA wasn't very complicated. The only problem was that the course started very late from 6:30pm till 8pm. It depends on the student if they really want to take this course.

An Introduction to Visual Culture Studies: if I could go back in time I would probably change this course because the teacher didn't speak good English and was reading the entire course from her papers without stopping or just make us watch a video for 15min every time. It was about historic topics and analysis of visual arts of the history or big moments like the covid for example. I would not recommend it to another student.

Risk, money and decision making: probably my favorite course, learnt a lot from it, it talks about how to take decisions in life, regarding jobs, or any type of dilemma, different type of ways of thinking. Very interesting course with a really charismatic teacher which made the course even more interesting. I would recommend it to another student. Nothing wrong to say about this course.

[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?]

2. Organization of the Class

Classes went from 1h30 long to 2h15 at max, not much work was given depending on the class, some gave some graded homework to do others didn't give anything. Teachers were very nice and helpful with communication in whatever we needed.

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

3. List of courses and recommendation

Organizational change: it was an easy course compared to what we had in MOMA, I liked the content of the course because it was interesting and not too hard to understand, we had 1h30 of class every Monday from 8am with professor Roman Dorczak. I would recommend the course.

Semiotics of advertising: normal course not too hard not too easy, I learnt a lot from this course especially from the exam where we had to write an essay take an advertisement and analyzed it. Class every Tuesday from 11:15am till 1:30 pm. With professor Małgorzata Lisowska-Magdziarz. I would recommend the course.

Cross cultural communication in Management: a lot of work to do in this course but wasn't very hard, I liked how we learnt the strategies if we wanted to open a business abroad, what kind of difficulties we would have to face with the culture difference. With professor Marvee Marr. I would recommend the course.

Human resource management: easy class, I liked the way of explaining of the teacher helps understand better the course using kahoots and communication. Class every Tuesday from 6:30pm till 8pm with professor Wioleta Karna. I would recommend the course.

An Introduction to Visual Culture Studies: easy course, the content could be interesting with a little more interaction from the teacher because it talks about a lot of important topics from history. Class every Wednesday from 11:30am till 1pm with professor Anna Folta-Rusin. Wouldn't recommend the course to another student.

Risk, money and decision making: not too hard of a course, I really liked the way the teacher explained and interacted with us, and the course was really interesting helped me change the way of thinking in different situations. Class every Friday from 11:30am till 1pm with Professor Mateusz Polak. I would recommend the course to another student.

[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.]

4. Exam

Organizational change exam was online with 6 questions taken from what we had seen in class to complete in 1h30. Grade: 5/5 (credits)

Semiotics of advertising exam was an essay to write about an advertisement you choose and analyze it with content seen in class, due by end of the semester. Grade: 5/5 (credits)

Cross cultural communication in Management was a mix of a final presentation, 3 written tests along the semester, presence in class, and criticizing of the presentation of other students. Grade: 4.5/5 (credits)

Human resource management was an online MCQ exam to complete in 1h30min. Grade 5/5 (credits)

An Introduction to Visual Culture Studies was an essay to give back by the end of the semester where we had to pick two topics seen in class and analyze and compare them. Grade 4/5 (credits)

Risk, money and decision making was an MCQ test to complete in 1h. Grade 3.5/5 (credits)

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

IV. When I life there

A. Safety

Poland is known as one of the safest countries in Europe, going out late at night around the center didn't feel unsafe. Maybe a lot of drunk people or people trying to sell some drugs to avoid.

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

B. Phone and Internet

You can either buy a temporary polish phone number at any local market, or keep the French mobile service which allows you to use network internet all around Europe for no extra cost.

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

C. Events

Follow the ESN Krakow on Instagram they post all kinds of upcoming events to know of in the city or join student dorms WhatsApp groups there are always some local students that can recommend some places.

[Help : How to know about the events?]

D. Sports

The university does not offer any sports team to train with but some student dorms have whatsapp groups and organize some friendly games weekly.

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

E. Eating

Try the zapiiekanki it's a polish specialty my favorite there, also the zabka store hot dogs very cheap and tasty snack to have after class. Also try the pierogi another polish specialty.

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

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

Depending on your location but most people go by tram since the campus is pretty far from the center it can take approximately 30min from center by tram.

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

G. Travels

I recommend to do at least one trip organized by ESN because it is at a good cost and with a tour guide so it is much easier to know what to do once you're there. I also recommend to visit near countries like Czech (prague) or Austria (Vienna) which were amazing and very cheap using Ryann air

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

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

Try to integrate more with the students from the beginning and make use of your time because 4 months go by very quickly, try to go around the country visit different cities. Don't hesitate to meet new people.

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

V. After your semester abroad

A. What are you planning do to?

Next year I am going to work for a year before I start my masters so I can gain experience and direct myself in the right direction to what I want to focus on in my masters.

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

B. Did you apply for master?

I did not apply for masters since I will be working.

[Help : in which master where you accepted]

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