

[ESPAGNE] – [UNIVERSITAT ROVIRA I VIRGILI]

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I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

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

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 need.

2. The flight

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

I didn't come by plane since Montpellier is close to Tarragona, so I just booked 2 trains, one from Montpellier to Barcelona and one from Barcelona to Reus (where the faculty is 15 min away from Tarragona)

3. My luggage

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

Jackets/ Hoodies and an umbrella, before I came here I thought the weather would be hot around March/April but turns out it's still windy and it rains sometimes so I advise you to bring more than planned.

4. Bank account

[Help : did you have to change bank? To respect some amount requirement on the bank account etc.] No need.

5. Insurance [Help : What insurance did you subscribe to ?]

I didn't subscribe to an insurance there, the one I have with my family in France covered me.

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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)]



As shown on the map, this was my house in Tarragona. I decided to change my flat during my Erasmus stay because I felt isolated, despite the university being in Reus. Most people live in Tarragona, which I personally prefer due to its proximity to the beach and better connectivity. The university is only 15 minutes away by bus.

I recommend finding accommodation within the highlighted circles on the map. One thing to note is that my house was quite far from the bus station. If you have a car, this isn't an issue. However, if you're without a car, I advise renting a place near the bus station for convenience.

2. Find a flat or a room

[Help : How did you find your flat? Do you have any recommendation] I recommend Idealista (there is a lot of recommendations on this app) and the Instagram page (@barcelonarentroom).

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

I was paying 400 euros per month, but some of my friends found rooms for 300 (not the best rooms but if you're tight on a budget) but the rents here are around 350 euros – 500 euros.

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university [Help : How was the process, what did you have to do?]

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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?]

Financial Management Investment: The teacher is nice and explains the notions well, and the course is interesting as well. I recommend it.

International Marketing: A familiar marketing course that's both interesting and highly interactive. The teacher is nice, and I recommend it!

International Finance: It was the same teacher of FMI but with her assistant, it's also an interesting subject if you like finance.

Business Organization: The course is taught by two professors, it's a first-year course but it was very rich and wasn't boring (turned out to be the hardest in exam among all of them). I recommend it if you don't want to take economic courses.

Human Resources Management: I don't know if I really recommend this course, the course is like the courses we're used to in HRM. The course wasn't really interactive.

2. Organization of the Class

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

The class duration was 2 hours technically but we most of the time do 1h30, honestly, I didnt' expect it but we had a lot of work to do always, in all the subjects there are activities to do with your group, presentations, reports, etc. which was a bit overwhelming at some point. The teacher most of them are polite and nice, but I just didn't like one of the teacher's behaviors with the students in the Business Organization course.

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.]

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

The exams some of them were multiple choice questions (but negative points), and some were exercices. The duration is around 1H – 2H for the exams depends on which subject. And they grade differently in Spain, which I found has a disadvantage for us, they require a

minimum grade in the final exam even if in the "controle continu" you did well, they won't make you pass unless you have the minimum required.

IV. When I life there

A. Safety

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

Yes, Tarragona is generally safe but some of my friends had bad encounters at times, so I would say stay careful, and to your belongings.

B. Phone and Internet

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

I bought a SIM card from Vodafone, which allowed me to have 50 GB for 10 euros, because I only had 25 GB available from France that I could use in Europe and it wasn't enough for me. And all households have Internet.

C. Events

[Help : How to know about the events?]

There's a Whatsapp group for Erasmus Tarragona as well as their Instagram page (@erasmus_tarragona) or also @aegeetarragona.

D. Sports

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

I don't that much about this topic, but there is a gym called Viding which has a pool, fitness , activitise, sauna etc and they have an offer of 150 euros for 3 months ncase you are interested. And of course we used to go play volleyball for free on the beach.

E. Eating

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

Saona (really nice place, style raffiné, the menu was at 13 euros in the weekdays.) Nato (Asian Buffet street food, also good price in the weekdays) El posit Pizzeria Tarricone (best pizzas in Tarragona)

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

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

When I was in Reus I was going by walk, but when I moved to Tarragona, I was either going with my friend by car, or sometimes also the bus (which takes 15 minutes).

G. Travels

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

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I recommend going around Tarragona to Salou (really nice city). But also, to Sitges, Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, Costa Brava. I did many trips on my own but many also with Erasmus Tarragona.

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]

There is a train ticket that I recommend you get called Recurrente, where you choose the destination city and the city of origin for example (Tarragona – Barcelona), and you get unlimited trips back and forth with it for only 20 euros. And if you do more than 8 trips back and forth, they reimburse you! so basically for free! I discovered this not in the beginning so it's always good to know ! Since I was the organizer of Erasmus Tarragona, I tried to organize many parties and activities there, so I would recommend you to go there often with your friends since there are many nice things to do!

And also if I could go back in time I would discover the cities and the beaches that were next to Tarragona more because they were really nice!

V. After your semester abroad

A. What are you planning do to? [Help : What do you want to do next year]

Continue my studies in the marketing / events sector.

B. Did you apply for master? [Help : in which master where you accepted]

VI. Yes, MASTÈRE 1 - STRATÉGIES ET MARKETING DU LUXE - OPTION MODE ET BEAUTÉ in Paris School of Luxury.

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