

Exchange experience report University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, Autumn 2019

Study program

Studying at the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana means that there is a variety of courses a student can choose from. This is very important since the offered program does not restrict the student to follow classes that would not seem useful for the future and the specific legal career the students will follow. Some of the classes were International and European Social Security law, International Criminal law, European Human Rights Law, European Private Law, Mergers and Acquisitions, Diplomatic Law (MUNLawS conference as part of this course) etc.

The courses are composed of lectures. Most of the courses are well developed and the composition of exams is clear. Some exams might be oral and certain others might be written. Certain presentations or papers are required but most of the courses as well.

Language

A Slovenian course is offered and starts before the beginning of regular classes. Generally, if a student does not follow the language course this does not create any problem as most people in Slovenia are able to communicate in English as Ljubljana is a fairly international environment and friendly for a non native speaker of Slovenian.

Finance and other conditions

The finance students receive from Erasmus is around 240 Euros per month. The expenditures in Ljubljana are pretty low due to the extremely advantageous position students are given. By holding the student status, the government finances subsidized meals ("BONI SYSTEM) which means that students can eat in almost all restaurants of the city from 0-4,50 Euros which includes a soup, a main dish of their choice and salad. Also, regarding transportation, there is a city bike with 3 Euros per year and the bus card for a student costs 20 Euros per month for unlimited rides.

Preparation and contacts with the faculty abroad

Concerning communication with faculty in Ljubljana, the International Office is extremely helpful, always replying fast and generally was available any time there was an issue or question by some of the students while the staff was also really kind.

Housing

Housing is cheaper compared to the Netherlands varying from 200- 400 Euros maximum for a really decent accommodation. The only thing that students should have in mind is to start searching early for accommodation (around May maybe) and be careful for frauds through facebook because there is a house crisis and it is very important to be looking at reliable sources such as real estate agencies or house offers proposed by Erasmus.

Guidance/reception at host university

Reception at the host university is very welcoming while also the guidance given to the new students is really clear. Welcoming events are organized by the faculty as well as a guided tour around the city followed by a lunch at a restaurant offered by the university.

Culture, free time and travelling

Spending the Erasmus semester in Ljubljana is an unforgettable experience. The Erasmus community is one of the most organized ones and there are trips organized really often to the beautiful landscapes of Slovenia or other countries. Due to its geographical position, Ljubljana is really close to Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia, meaning that within a few hours by bus you can be in another capital. There is enough free time to visit many places as classes happen during the weeks and the weekends are offered for such small trips. Apart from travelling, students have the possibility to live the city life which has a nice vibe of a small yet beautiful capital.

Other

There are 5 exams which you can choose to take either in December or January, I would advise to split them equally in order to not have too many courses loaded in one exam period.

Regarding housing you can check in the Facebook Erasmus winter group 2019/2020 a file uploaded regarding housing and how to avoid fraud.