

Final report from Opole

- Home university: Uniwersytet Opolski/ Opole University
- Subject area of your degree/major at home university: International relations
- Study level during your exchange study period: Master degree, III semester
- dates of study period abroad: 01/10/2013 – 28/02/2014

1. Which were the factors which motivated you to apply at TU Dresden?

Short distance from Polish board, reputation of TU Dresden, beauty of the city.

2. When preparing for your stay at TU Dresden which matters were the most important (visa, language preparation, study plan)?

Study plan was the most important thing for me.

3. On your arrival at TU Dresden, were you offered an information session, orientation program, welcome event, language courses, etc.?

Yes.

4. Were any other special events organised for exchange students at TU Dresden during your stay?

Yes – Café Lingua, a lot of Erasmus parties, tandem program.

5. Did you receive adequate support from TU Dresden during your exchange study period?

Yes, I received everything I needed to. There were just some complications with my study program on TUD.

6. How do you consider your degree of integration with local students at TU Dresden?

Integration with local students was hard, I have more international/Erasmus friends. It was caused by language barrier.

7. How do you rate the quality of the professors and other teachers at TU Dresden?

Professors and teachers that I have met represented a high rate of knowledge.

8. How do you rate the quality of the courses you took and study material you received at TU Dresden?

Courses were interesting, I was thrilled and all materials I received were useful and well prepared.

9. Which type of accommodation did you have at TU Dresden (i.e. university accommodation, shared flat, private housing)?

University accommodation / Studentenwerk

10. How would you rate your German language competency (before and after the Erasmus study period)?

Before Erasmus study – A2. After a semester in Germany I feel like B2.

11. Were language courses provided?

Yes.

12. Will you gain academic recognition for your study period abroad?

Yes, I will.

13. Which average costs per month during your period abroad (EUR) did you have:

Approximately: 500 EUR / per month.

14. Did you have to pay any kind of fees at TU Dresden?

Yes

242,50 EUR – Studentenausweis + 70 EUR/ per month – Krankenversicherung

17. Which aspects of your exchange period did you particularly appreciate i.e. academic, cultural, practice a foreign language, find new friends, etc.)?.

New international friends and a lot of language friends.

19. What recommendations would you give to other students concerning information, application procedures, experiences etc.:

Good language qualification before study (B2), be open – minded.