

University of Salzburg
Austria

Study programme: Law and Economics Year: 2 Bachelor

Winter 2021/2022

- City on the exchange:

The University of Salzburg is in the city of Salzburg which is approximately 3 hours away from the capital of Austria, Vienna by train.

There are many ways how to travel to this city from Poland like: Bus, train, plane, or car if you have one. I travelled by Bus namely Flixbus from Katowice to Salzburg, which was affordable and convenient.

- Host University

University of Salzburg is state University.

There are students from a lot of countries, it offers quite multinational environment.

Great way to make friends from different nationalities.

It has about 18000 students, but I am not sure about the number of Erasmus students studying there, but without doubt there are many students who choose this university for mobility program and they are really satisfied with all conditions there.

- Courses

The university offers wide range of courses in each field of study. I took courses from the faculty of law and communication science.

And I took up German language course but it is not obligatory.

I easily signed up for the courses via online platform.

Mostly I had oral exams and final presentations with term papers.

- Accommodation

The University of Salzburg doesn't offer places in a dormitory because it doesn't have. Instead, it provides with all possible ways of finding an accommodation. For example, it sends the link to apply for private accommodations and shared rooms or provides with some Facebook groups/channels where you can find ads for accommodations.

- Communication with the host University

Communication between us were fast and friendly. The international relations office is helpful, always ready to help. It didn't create any inconvenience and difficulty.

- Cost of living

Cost of living is higher than here in Poland. For example, I used to pay 318 euros for an accommodation (single room) and about 200 euros for food. Of course, there are cheaper places to stay too especially double rooms (about 250 euros).

I would offer to do shopping in Lidl and Hofer because they are the cheapest ones and there is a street market every Thursday morning near the city centre.

Most students (almost 90%) use bikes to get around, since the city is quite small.

You don't get any discount for public transport with a student card unless you have special student ticket for the whole semester (150 euro), applies to the entire city and federal state of Salzburg.

- Students' life

Student life is really exciting with lots of events organized by the University and ESN.

Students can have fun and at the same time study hard. All in all, they do not get bored, there are lots of activities to do in Salzburg, especially hiking as it is located among the mountains.

In winter students head for skiing which is one of best and most done there.

- General opinion

I really recommend to spend at least one Erasmus semester in this city. Without doubt it is one of the most beautiful cities I have ever visited. There you can find many museums to visit, especially worth visiting is Mozart's apartment right in the heart of the city.

Every corner is piece of art with amazing historical buildings which come from medieval centuries.

People are kind and friendly, good opportunity to practise the German language if wanted.

I would say, no words to describe the beauty of Salzburg.

When it comes to the University, it is definitely among the best in Europe. Professors treat students kindly and give enough freedom. Overall if you would like an adventurous mobility program with many surprises then Salzburg would be great option.