

REPORT ON MY ERASMUS EXPERIENCE

1. What is your name and which program did you attend?

My name is Gianpaolo D'Orazio, 2nd year student of the MSc finance and banking.

2. Where and when did you go during your Erasmus program?

I went to Valencia from the 13th of February to the 9th of July

3. How did you like living there?

I loved living there, the city is big enough to offer you everything you need and more, but it's not overcrowded as the biggest European metropolis.

people were kind and helpful, and you will learn the local language very soon if you follow a Spanish course.

The city center is very interesting and fascinating, but also the university area where I lived is very quiet and has everything you need.

4. What about the University?

The faculty of economics is wide and new, facilities work as they should and the secretary personnel is very helpful, also if they can't speak English (I recommend you to learn some Spanish before coming there).

My final judgment is positive, but nothing special, I would say a little bit over the Italian average.

5. What is the level of the courses? Did you find similarities to those in Tor Vergata?

The level of the courses are low, the university doesn't allow us to take post-graduate level exams, but only bachelor level ones. This is a lack which made my Erasmus not too significant under the educational point of view.

If you come from a bachelor the courses are very useful, with an optimal ratio between theory and practice with personal computers which make your learning process fast and effective.

The teachers stimulate you through weekly assignment which are very important in the final degree, and they involve you in the participation during the lessons.

6. Is there any particular advise that you would like to give to another student who will go there in the future?

The advises I would like to give are essentially two:

- *don't go there if you expect high level courses (unfortunately I knew it after I chose my destination)*
- *learn some Spanish before going there, and then subscribe to a course of the centre de idiomes which is cheap, useful and if you are lucky even funny.*

7. Do you wish to be contacted for further information by interested students?

I told everything I knew here, therefore it would be useless to contact me.